

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 18, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 5:28 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Stacia Sloan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone, Robin LaBuwi and Stacia Sloan. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel; and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:30 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:35 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2024

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2024

5.2 Approve Financial Report (March 2024)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (March 2024)

5.4 Approve Summer Camps/Conditioning Insurance Policy (ENCL A)

5.5 Approve 2024-2025 Consolidated District Plan (ENCL B)

5.6 Approve Educational Affiliation Agreement between SIUC and BCHS District 103 (ENCL C)

5.7 Approve Band/Chorus/Color Guard/Dance Field Trip on May 18, 29, or 31, 2024 to St. Louis Six Flags Student Day

5.8 Approve Boys Track Meet on Friday, April 19, 2024 in Louisville, KY

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of ENCL C has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Financial Update
- PA System Upgrade in Rich Herrin Gym
- Project Update- HVAC in commons and Rich Herrin Gym
- Petition for Annexation denied by 2:2 vote
- Guidance on how to fill a board member vacancy from School Law Survey
- Attendance numbers could top 600 for the 2024-2025 SY
- List of completed projects at BCHS since July 2019 and prospective projects

Mr. Docherty provided a written report and commented on the following:

- Security upgrades for all outside doors
- Dr. Martin's efforts towards testing and scholarships for seniors

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the slate of extra duty assignments as presented in ENCL D. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of ENCL D has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Brooklyn Calcaterra as an assistant volleyball coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Cassie Jay as an assistant volleyball coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Kessa Bernard as a volunteer assistant volleyball coach for the 2024-25 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to employ Joseph Smith as a teacher for the 2024-25 SY. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Jay Copple made a motion to authorize the administration to post the positions of part time summer secretary, part time custodian, summer driver education teachers, summer student maintenance workers, all temporary/as needed for summer 2024. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Proposal to Increase Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 24-25 SY Jim Giacone made a motion to approve an increase in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Approve Proposal to Remove Two District Owned Houses on McCann Street Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the removal of two district owned houses on McCann Street as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Approve Proposal to Coat and Stripe Asphalt Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the proposal to coat and stripe the asphalt as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Electric Supply Contract Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Affordable Gas and Electric Supply contract with Homefield Energy for 36 months as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this contract has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Mark Minor shared a note from Coach Ron Winemiller thanking the board and administration for their support of the Rangers basketball team on their run to state.
- Stacia Sloan shared positive feedback on the Lions Club banquet.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to change the time of the regular May 16, 2024 board meeting to 5:00 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY